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In re patent application of

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Serial No. Unassigned

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For: DOOR DEVICE FOR VENDING MACHINE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the following paragraphs with the following rewritten paragraphs.

The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Please replace the first paragraph on page 2 with the following paragraph:

In the molding of the conventional door body 100, however, the step of bending, the step of welding, and the step of finishing are necessary. That is, the necessary number of steps is large, and, thus, this requires a lot of time and causes a high cost in the molding. Further, although the welded portion is finished, finishing to a fully smooth extent is difficult. In this case, the welded portion having surface irregularities sometimes spoils the appearance of the door body. Further, the welded portion has poor corrosion resistance, and this necessitates, for example, rust preventing treatment after the finishing.

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